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REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on <u>June 15, 2005</u> and the Advisory Action mailed on <u>September 2, 2005</u>.

Claims 1, 9, and 15 are amended; as a result, claims <u>1-20</u> are presenting pending in this application. These amendments are being concurrently submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) along with the appropriate fee; therefore, entry of the amendments is appropriate.

Applicant has amended the independent claims to highlight that authentication, in Applicant's invention, occurs with multiple resources during a single logon session. The Examiner has admitted in the Advisory Action that the Howard reference fails to teach this limitation; but, the Examiner asserted that Applicant's claims as drafted did not preclude multiple sessions. The amended independent claims are now restricted to a single session; therefore, Howard can no longer be used to reject Applicant's independent claims.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow the claims.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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